GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FUNDING OF CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether decision has been taken by the Government for direct funding of Centrally sponsored schemes;

(b) if so, the details of the modalities thereof;

(c) the details of amount released for Centrally Sponsored Schemes through the consolidated funds of the States and also the amounts released to the implementing agencies directly by the Centre during each of the last three years;

(d) the details of the percentage spending of these funds;

(e) whether the percentage of spending by the implementing agencies directly funded by the Centre was less than the funds released by the States;

(f) if so, the reasons for the decision of direct funding to the implementing agencies bypassing the States; and

(g) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SH MOOKHERJEE)

(a) (b) (f) & (g): In the meeting of Chief Ministers held on 18th October, 2002 at New Delhiunder the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister, there was a consensus that henceforth all releases under Centrally Sponsored Schemes should be made through Consolidated Fund of the States and not directly to the project implementing agencies. It was also agreed that, as a pre- condition, the States will pass on the funds to the end-users within a stipulated time of three weeks, and inform the Administrative Ministry in the Government of India of having done so. Instructions have been issued accordingly by the Ministry of Finance.

(c) to (e) : Information is being collected for parts (c) to (e).